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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Question Of Methods

THE opening day of the foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons did not produce any new declarations of British policy, and was for the most part colourless in tone and ordinary in texture. Mr Butler contented himself with generalities and left the impression that the British Government was inclined to a wait-and-see attitude regarding problems such as Egypt, Germany and Austria. It is recognised that Britain's position in the dispute with Egypt concerning the future of the Canal Zone has already been fully stated and calls for no embellishment. The next move, if one is to be made, is entirely up to President Naguib and his government. Nevertheless it is of some importance that the British case has been strengthened by the support it has received from the United States. Both countries are in agreement that an effective base in the Canal Zone is essential for the future security of the Middle East, and, in fact, the western world. The strong attitude which Mr Foster Dulles has adopted may prove a sufficient influence on General Naguib to make possible new Anglo-Egyptian discussions of a positive nature. The current hiatus is injurious to the interests of Egypt whose legitimate claims cannot be met unless she is prepared to reach a reasonable compromise with Britain.

IN discussing the Washington talks before the House, Mr Butler appeared to be less assured; almost on the defensive. There will be no disagreement, however, with his contention that in tackling the political problems of Europe, it is necessary, not to erect barriers between the Western Allies and Russia, but to try and build bridges by which the Big Four can begin to reach a common understanding and work out essential principles for resolving the intricate questions of the future of Germany and Austria. Mr Attlee, in his criticism of the acting Prime Minister's speech, deprecated the substitution of high level discussions by the proposed Foreign Ministers conference, and he was undoubtedly expressing the feelings of a substantial body of British opinion. Nevertheless the Opposition Leader failed to indicate how, at this present time of political upheaval in Russia, a meeting between the leaders of the Big Four could be satisfactorily arranged.

DISAPPOINTMENT there may be in the fact that Sir Winston Churchill's proposal of last May cannot at this moment be implemented, but this is not to say that a conference on a lower level would not produce valuable results. It is of importance that the Big Three should retain the initiative in the tackling of European problems, and the very least, therefore, which could have been accomplished at the Washington talks was to decide to invite Russia to diplomatic conversations on outstanding issues. It is now apparent that the various problems which plague international relations cannot be settled at one fell swoop; they must be dealt with piecemeal. This was fully recognised and accepted at the Washington talks, and it is clearly the conviction of the American, British and French governments that more decisive results are likely from adopting this line of action than by immediate informal top-level discussions between the Big Four.

Workers Plan To Overthrow E. German Regime

JUNE 17 RIOTS DESCRIBED AS A DRESS REHEARSAL

Berlin, July 21. East Germans outlawed for leading the June 17 uprising said here today that they were building a movement to work for the downfall of the East German regime.

They said workers throughout the East Zone would not give up their fight against the present leaders and that sabotage was slowing down the industries of East Germany.

This view was supported tonight by the West German news agency, DPA, which reported the existence of a widespread, well organised anti-Communist movement in the Magdeburg, Bitterfeld, Halle, Merseburg, Eisleben and Jena areas of East Germany.

Quoting eyewitness reports, the agency said that in these regions, where there are some of the largest industrial plants in East Germany, workers had evolved a system of sabotage against Communist trade union leadership.

When work in one factory must, under threat of severe punishment, be resumed, work in a neighbouring factory slows down or ceases, the agency said.

Daily Mirror's Princess Margaret Poll Condemned

London, July 22. Britain's voluntary Press Council, meeting for the first time here yesterday, criticised the Daily Mirror, picture paper, with a circulation of more than four million, for conducting a readers' poll on whether Princess Margaret should be allowed to marry Group Captain Peter Townsend.

The Council—made up of 15 editorial and ten managerial representatives of the newspaper industry—has as one of its objects "to maintain the character of the British press in accordance with the highest professional and commercial standards".

Trading With China Queries

London, July 21.

Lord Barnby, a Conservative Peer, asked in the House of Lords today if "in view of the acuteness of feeling in the United States" on British trade with Communist China, Britain would make representations to emphasise the difference between strategic and non-strategic materials.

Lord Leathers, Secretary of State for the Co-ordination of Transport, Fuel and Power, replied that the question presupposed that nothing had been done already.

"It had been constantly represented and will continually be the subject of discussion," he added.

Lord Winster, who asked if the Government had information that British ships trading with China would be refused bunkers in United States ports, said it seemed "unfair and unkind" that bunkers might be refused to British ships.

He hoped the matter would be followed up if any were refused.

Replying to his question, Lord Leathers said the new American regulations introduced on July 6 to govern the supply of petroleum products to ships in United States ports were not aimed only at British ships. They applied to any foreign ships entering ports under American jurisdiction.

Its meetings are private but a statement issued after yesterday's meeting said it had passed the following resolution: "That this meeting of the Press Council, while conscious of the great interest of the public in the lives of members of the Royal Family, strongly deprecates as contrary to the best tradition of British journalism, the holding by the Daily Mirror of a public poll in the matter of Princess Margaret and Group Captain Townsend".

Widespread reports have linked romantically the Queen's sister and Group Captain Townsend, 38-year-old Royal Equerry, who last week was transferred after nine years' service at Buckingham Palace to the post of Air Attache at Brussels.

The Daily Mirror poll conducted last week had 72,277 voters from among the paper's readers. Of these 69,872 voted "Yes" to the question "If Princess Margaret now 22, so desire should she be allowed to marry him?" (Group Captain Townsend). The remaining 2,393 readers voted "No."

The Daily Mirror said the poll was to give a chance to public opinion to express itself on this important matter.

At today's meeting Colonel J. J. Astor of the Times was appointed chairman of the Press Council and Mr W. L. Andrew, editor of the Yorkshire Post, vice-chairman.

Mr Bernard Allen, secretary of the Newspaper Proprietors' Association was appointed acting Secretary and a general purposes committee formed to consider a number of matters prior to the next meeting in October.

The Press Council was set up following recommendations of a Royal Commission on the Press made four years ago. Among its other objects are: to preserve the established freedom of the British press; and to keep under review any developments likely to restrict the supply of information of public interest and importance.

"The workers regard the June 17 uprising as a dress rehearsal for the future, whose lessons must be studied and applied," DPA said. "They want to continue the resistance, which has never really ceased, in a more subtle fashion." The agency said that by these tactics workers in the Mansfeld copper combine—East Germany's main source of copper—forced the release of arrested strike leaders.

A representative of the outlawed East German Government leaders hoped to inspire awe in the workers by ruthless court sentences and by using food as a weapon to regain complete control, but he described the resistance spirit as widespread, rooted and full of hatred.

Today East Berlin newspapers reported a promise by the Soviet authorities of 231 million roubles (about £21 million) worth of food to East Germany "on credit." This offer is four times that made by the United States earlier this month, but food shipments, worth \$16 million (about £6,357,100) are being sent by the United States as a free gift.

No indication was given of how repayment will be made to the Soviet Union, but most Western observers here believed it would be by increasing deliveries of East German machinery and precision products to Russia.

"Absurd" Protest By Russia

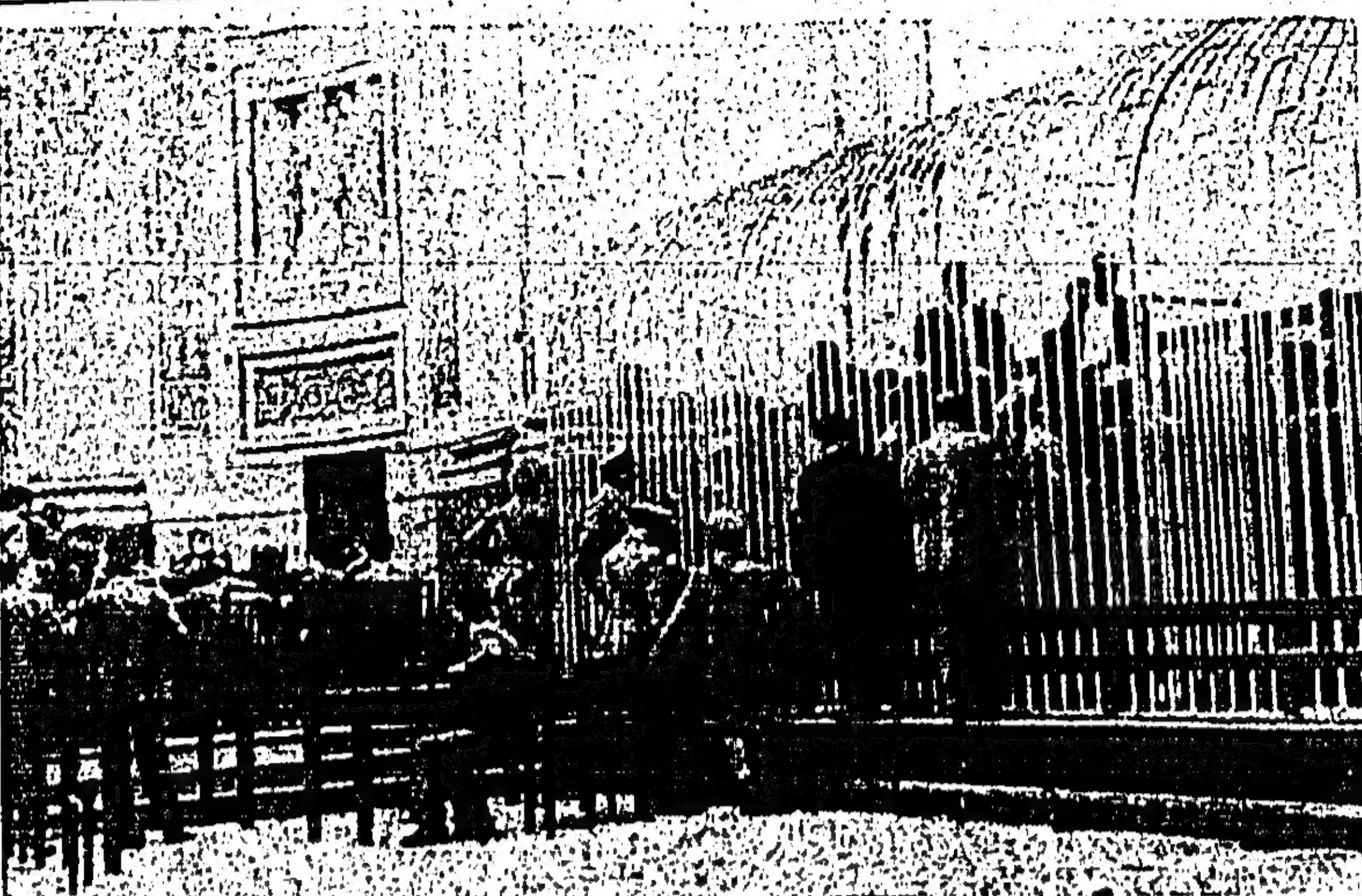
London, July 21. Diplomatic quarters here today described as "absurd" Russia's protest to Turkey that the projected British and United States naval visits to Istanbul were intended as a "military demonstration."

They pointed out that courtesy visits by naval units to friendly countries were the normal practice, and in no way directed against other powers.

The Turkish Government today studied the gist of the Soviet note about the visits of British and United States warships to Istanbul this summer, though the full text has not yet been received.

No official comment will be made until the full text has been considered. But usually well-informed circles here thought the note was not of much importance, and said it could be termed "mild."

Commenting on Russia's protest to Turkey over the visit of the military U.S. warships to Istanbul, Mr John Foster Dulles, American Secretary of State, told his weekly press conference today that Turkey was a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and was taking part in the military U.S. Command. It was entirely normal for the British and American warships to visit Istanbul and no military demonstration of a hostile character was contemplated, he said.



Well guarded by police, and kept under control in a large iron barred cage, are these Sicilian bandits, seen during their trial on many charges at the Monte Vergine Assizes in Palermo, Sicily. The gangsters are members of the band of outlaws, once controlled by Giuliano, included in the bandits on trial is tall handsome Pasquale Sciorlino who is already under life sentence for his part in the machine gun massacre of 11 people.—London Express.

PRESIDIUM MEETING POSTPONED

London, July 22.

The Soviet news agency Tass said last night that the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR had postponed until August 5 the Supreme Soviet session originally fixed for July 28.

No reason for the postponement was given. It will be the second meeting of the Supreme Soviet since Stalin's death and is expected to ratify the decision of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet to dismiss Lavrenti Beria as an agent of international imperialism.

The meeting is also expected to consider the annual state budget. The last Supreme Soviet session on March 15 approved the appointment of the Council of Ministers headed by the Prime Minister, Mr Georgi Malenkov. Beria figured then as one of the "big three" with Mr Malenkov and the Foreign Minister, Mr Vyacheslav Molotov.

The new meeting will be its fifth session since the Parliament was elected in 1950.

It was announced on July 14 that the Supreme Soviet had been summoned for its fifth session on July 28.—Reuters.

Demonstrations In Teheran

Teheran, July 22. Communists staged two big separate demonstrations here yesterday to mark the first anniversary of Dr Mohammed Mosaddegh's return to power.

Troops and police guarded the Majlis (Parliament) but there were no incidents.

The first demonstration yesterday morning consisted mostly of the National Front and Pan-Iran groups (both pro-government), but in the afternoon Tudeh (Communist) Party members and their supporters held their National Day demonstrations.

Broadcasting on the eve of the demonstrations, Dr Mosaddegh appealed for unity—"the weapon with which we shall conquer our foes"—Reuters.

Garry Davis, the self-styled "first world citizen," will be shipped back to the United States tomorrow on board the Cunard liner Queen Mary, after being arrested in May on a charge of vagrancy.

US Food Offer To East Berliners Angers Soviets

Berlin, July 21. Mr Vladimir Semeonov, Soviet High Commissioner in Germany, today demanded in a note to Dr James B. Conant, United States High Commissioner, that American officials stop offering food to East Germans at the East-West Berlin border.

Mr Semeonov said the Soviet Foreign Minister in his note of July 11 to the United States Ambassador in Moscow already referred to the United States food offer for East Germany as a "blunt propaganda manoeuvre."

"During the past few days, American authorities have opened in West Berlin, near the inter-sector boundary, special places where Fascist agents are active under the cloak of food sales."

"Mass protests of West Berlin unemployed and the East German population enforced the closing of these places."

"Press reports now reveal that preparations are under way in West Berlin to organise more such places in various districts."

"Such actions of the American authorities cannot be regarded as anything else but a continuation of attempts to employ Fascist henchmen and criminal elements who on June 17 actively participated in arson and looting in East Berlin—to pursue provocative aims."

Mr Semeonov added that "this manoeuvre" was being carried out while millions of people in West Germany were starving. "It must be well known to you that there is no unemployment in East Germany, but that over 100,000 West Berlin unemployed exist on a few beggar's pennies only."

"The American authorities have never attempted to help these hungry people," Mr Semeonov said. "The American measures did not comply with the elementary demand for securing public order in Berlin."

"ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES" For these measures the American authorities employed criminal elements of various kinds "which is contrary to a normal situation not to speak of the possibility that these measures may turn against the American authorities themselves."

He added: "I must draw your attention to these facts and demand that you immediately take all steps to stop the mentioned illegal activities."

United States officials in Berlin tonight dismissed Mr Semeonov's allegations as "complete nonsense."

They could not say whether his letter had been passed on to Dr Conant yet nor whether it had yet been received by United States authorities in West Berlin.

But they said "no American authority had anything to do with the sale of potatoes, milk and fruit in the United States sector district of Kreuzberg last week, to which Mr Semeonov obviously referred."

"These sales were arranged by the local Mayor with funds provided by West Berlin firms." The officials added that the handing out of money coupons to East Berliners, with which they could buy food in West Berlin shops, was also a German scheme.

SUCCESS by Lord Beaverbrook

IN 1921, just after the first world war, Lord Beaverbrook wrote a book called SUCCESS.

It was a forceful, dogmatic, opinionated book addressed to young men of ambition. It told them what to do if they wanted to make a fortune. Lord Beaverbrook was then 42, in the mid-life of his own success. He had made a fortune in Canada, had spent a decade in British politics, and had recently started his career as a newspaper proprietor.

TIMELY ADVICE The advice and counsel contained in SUCCESS is as urgent and timely today as it was in 1921. This newspaper believes that SUCCESS will act as a stimulus to people of determination everywhere. For these reasons the China Mail has arranged to print a series of extracts from SUCCESS beginning on Saturday. Lord Beaverbrook has written a foreword to the series—an article in which, at the age of 74, he looks back on the advice he gave in 1921. This article will be printed in the China Mail ON FRIDAY.

Alpinist Safe After Ordeal

Chamonix, July 22. Mountaineer Georges Barlacki staggered down the rugged slopes of Mont Blanc yesterday after 70 hours perched on a narrow ledge of the Aiguille du Fou (Madman's Peak). The young student denied an earlier report by a guide that he had died at the end of a rope during the ordeal. With only a pot of honey for food he squatted alone on the Peak, one of the most dangerous in the range, too terrified to attempt the descent. He did not know that his companion, 27-year-old Claude Chullivat, had fallen to his death.

At dawn a fully equipped rescue party set out to climb the perilous peak and raised him to safety. He was blue with cold and ravenously hungry but was not seriously injured.—Reuters.

ALLEGED REDS ARRESTED

Barcelona, July 21. Thirty people, charged with attempting the clandestine re-organisation of the Catalan Socialist Unified (Communist) Party at Barcelona, were arrested here tonight, after the police had raided a secret printing shop.—Reuters.

SUNDAY EXPRESS

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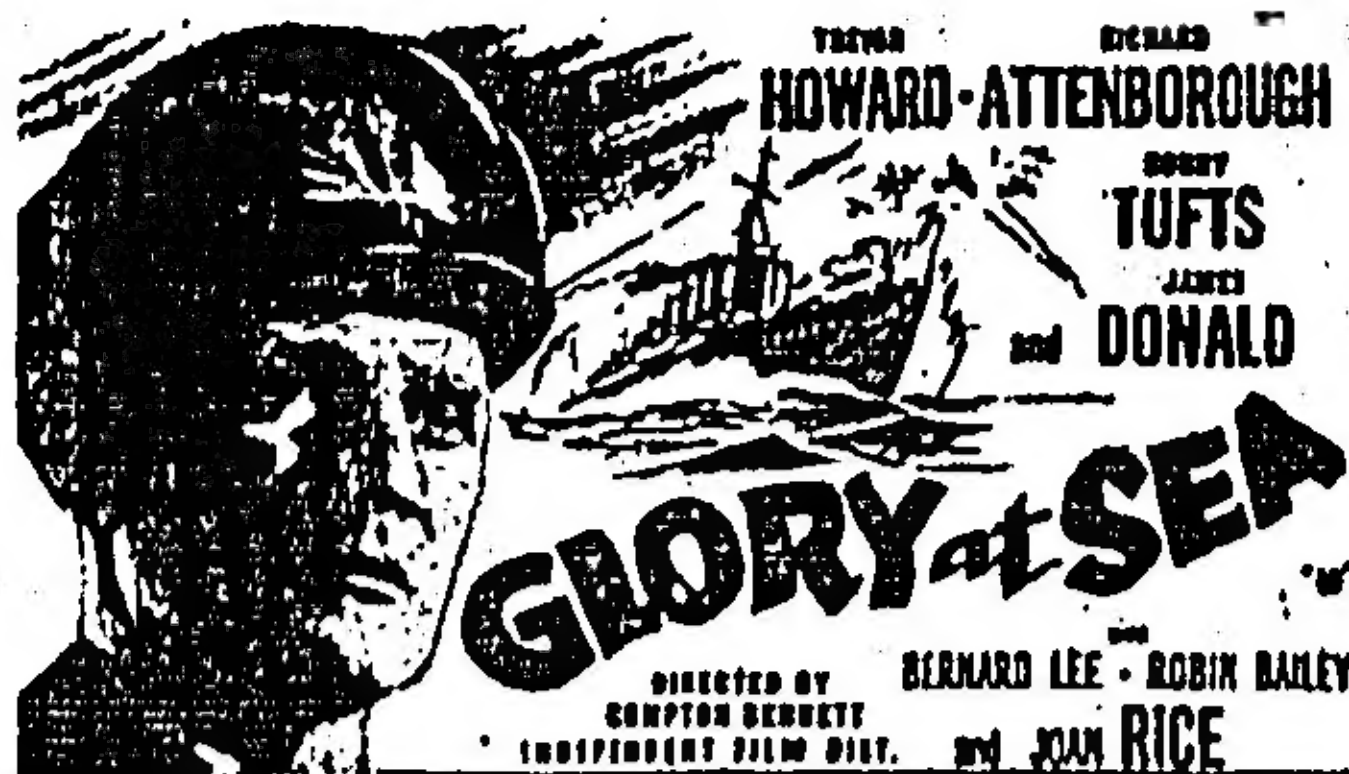
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Princess Matanaho, daughter-in-law of Queen Salote of Tonga (right), offers a cup of kava to Sir Harry Luke, one-time Governor of Fiji, at the farewell cocktail party given for Queen Salote in London. Kava, the national drink of Tonga, is scooped out of a wooden receptacle called a kumeti, and is drunk from a cup made from coconut. — Express Photo.

Minister Tells Union Official To Resign

Johannesburg, July 22. Mr. Charles Swart, South African Minister of Justice, has ordered Sir Issy Wolfson to resign from his position as Secretary of the National Raking Industrial Union.

The Minister acted under the Suppression of Communism Act, passed by Dr. Daniel Malan's National Government in 1950, which also prevents Wolfson from being a member of any other trade union.

The Act declared unlawful all Communist organizations or bodies propagating or furthering the ends of Communism. — Reuter.

French Liner Sails An Empire Route

France's latest liner, the 20,400-ton *Antilles*, is providing a new Empire link for Britain. After calling at Southampton on her second out-and-run to the West Indies, the white-painted *Antilles* is due in more British ports than French on the other side of the Atlantic.

In a month's round trip, which clips a week off the old schedule, she will visit Barbados, Trinidad and Jamaica. There were 300 passengers bound for Britain on the just-completed maiden voyage.

On board the *Antilles* the crew already regard her as a lucky "black-cat" ship. Master is Captain Minault. "I pronounced it as though you were calling the cat," he said, smiling.

The *Antilles* was built to be "as handy as a London taxi." Because of the restricted space in some of her ports of call, her hull design was planned after model tests in tanks.

All passengers in this three-class ship get free wine with their meals.

To suit her warm-climate run, the *Antilles* has an open-air swimming pool. Main deck floor in the ship is of glass, through which changing lights make patterns.

Bohlen On Way To Moscow

Paris, July 21. The American Ambassador in Moscow, Mr. Charles Bohlen, arrived today by air from Washington after conferring with the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles.

Mr. Bohlen will spend a holiday with his family in Switzerland before visiting Berlin. He will return to Moscow on July 27. — Reuter.

Getting Engines Re-Lit Problem For Jet Experts

British aero-engine designers are making good progress with one of the most difficult technical problems of the jet age — that of relighting the engines again at great heights when they have stopped and the flame is out.

If designers succeed in making it possible for aircrews to switch jet engines off in flight, knowing they can be lit up again, they will be effectively giving the new jets much greater range and flexibility than ever before.

Jet bombers, for instance, will be able to climb away from base on four engines, cut down to two engines for cruising, thus reducing fuel consumption and nearly doubling range, and switch on to four jets again when over the target. Jet transports would also be able to take advantage of this technique.

Up till now a jet aircraft which had an engine out would always have to descend to below its cruising height before it was possible to relight. But engineers believe it will be possible eventually to give practical relighting at any operational altitude. Besides the jet bomber and transport, when relighting is necessary, the most important is when the engine has been put out accidentally by harsh throttle movements during combat, and it is necessary to relight it immediately.

This development makes possible a completely new technique which may become widely used, since it takes full advantage of the jet engine's peculiar characteristics. Besides the jet engine's most efficient near its full power, it is wasteful in fuel to run all the engines at reduced power. It is far better to run only half the engines at full power.

WEIGHT OF ENGINES

True, there is the weight of the dead engines to carry around, but designers claim this is more than offset by the weight of fuel saved.

It might be thought that it should be as easy to restart an engine high in the air as it is on the ground. But, at the great heights where the jet flies best, there is so little oxygen in the air that it is difficult for a flame to catch.

When the engine has been switched off it does not stop dead. A blast of cold air is pouring into the air intake and continues to turn it over. Indeed, one of the problems of relighting is to get the engine to slow down sufficiently to its starting revolutions.

Another problem is that too can form inside the engine and upset the flow of air necessary for starting.

The pilot actually relights an engine by pressing a "relight" button in the cockpit. This produces a continuous spark in the combustion chambers of the

engine. This sounds simple, but it is only by using great ingenuity that designers have been able to achieve a flow of air through the engine which has the correct characteristics at all altitudes for certain relighting.

Liner Booked For Emigrants

To help the thousands of people who want to go to Canada from Britain, the 10,000-ton liner *Sydney* has been booked for four special trips.

Following a request by the Canadian Government, the *Sydney* was made available by the Inter-Governmental Committee for European Migration.

"She will enable several thousand extra immigrants to settle in their new homes in Canada in good time before the winter," said Mr. Hugh Gibson, Director of the Committee.

"The demand for places is enormous," said a spokesman of the shipping agents in London. "All four trips were sold out in less than a month. Fares are £84 first class and from £55 10s. to £60 10s. tourist class. Children up to 12 go half price. Fares for babies of less than one year are £7 first class, £3 10s. tourist."

East Germans Kept Out

Cologne, July 21. A conference of the West German Miners' Union today refused to admit three observers from the East German Miners' Union.

Most of the members attending the conference protested against a proposal by the Chairman, Herr August Schmidt, to read out a letter which the East Germans brought with them. The letter was not read out.

Herr Schmidt said the East Germans were refused admittance because they represented a union which had not supported the workers in the East German revolt last month but had opposed them. — Reuter.

Of Similar Strikes

Paris, July 21. France's daring airborne strike in Indo-China, which smashed the key Langson supply base on Red China's frontier, has demonstrated a new strategy which can be applied successfully to other Asian anti-Communist wars.

That was virtually the unanimous conclusion today of both high Allied and senior French officers closely following the lightning campaign which they feel for the first time fully exploited the West's technical superiority over the manpower of the East.

There are lessons in the operation which will help the United Nations to force the Communists to observe any truce in Korea, these officers feel.

The British in Malaya, too, can profit from a study of the brilliant planning of "Operation Swallow" which already is being compared to General Douglas MacArthur's masterful Korea landing at Inchon.

But unlike Inchon, the French operation was completely around and over the enemy without the usual frontal ground attack in support.

A VINDICATION

Instead of punching overland to relieve the airborne task force French troops sailed unmolested around the Communists' flank.

The four-day triple thrust by land, sea and air is viewed now as a vindication of the new strategy outlined by General Pierre L. Bodeet when he left his post at Supreme Allied Headquarters there to become Deputy Supreme Commander in Indo-China.

Gen. Bodeet then said that a completely new approach, using air power and airborne troops as never before, could guarantee success in Indo-China. Despite some reluctance on the part of the more conservative generals to agree, Gen. Bodeet said that it was France's only way to defeat the hordes of Communist Vietnam.

Here is the way French and Allied strategists look at "Operation Swallow" which did just what Gen. Bodeet predicted: a technical superiority for the first time was fully exploited. Units were not thrown into a land battle against large numbers of enemy troops. They were transported by air to "where the enemy wasn't" and gained complete success.

NOT WASTED

Air power was not "frictioned over the map" but was concentrated on the single major target.

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Destruction of the target was assured by the 5,000 paratroopers landed at Langson. It was not just left to fighters and bombers which in Korea all too often have registered exaggerated claims.

When the enemy began to move toward the main force at Langson a second force of paratroopers was dropped south of the city to keep the Reds off balance. When the second group was spotted, an armoured task force was landed by sea and sent racing inland to cover the retreat of both airborne groups.

PATTON THEORY

"That is what Patton meant by modern war," an American officer explained.

"You can keep Gooks running all over hell when you have a navy and trained men."

He referred to the MacArthur landing at Inchon where the narrow peninsula of Korea is even more suitable for such airborne strikes relieved by a sea task force than in Indo-China where it was tried.

He continued: "Such a dramatic use of air power and parachute troops in Korea would give the Chinese some second thoughts about trying anything funny after an armistice — when they realize we have an army that can run around and over their front line (and) into their big back-yard." — United Press.

BETTY HUTTON COLLAPSES

Las Vegas, July 21. Actress Betty Hutton collapsed from exhaustion last night prior to her scheduled performance at one of this resort town's luxurious hotels.

A spokesman for the Desert Inn, where the actress has been appearing for the past fortnight, said that Miss Hutton was put under the care of doctors who reported that she had collapsed from a combination of heat and physical exhaustion. — United Press.

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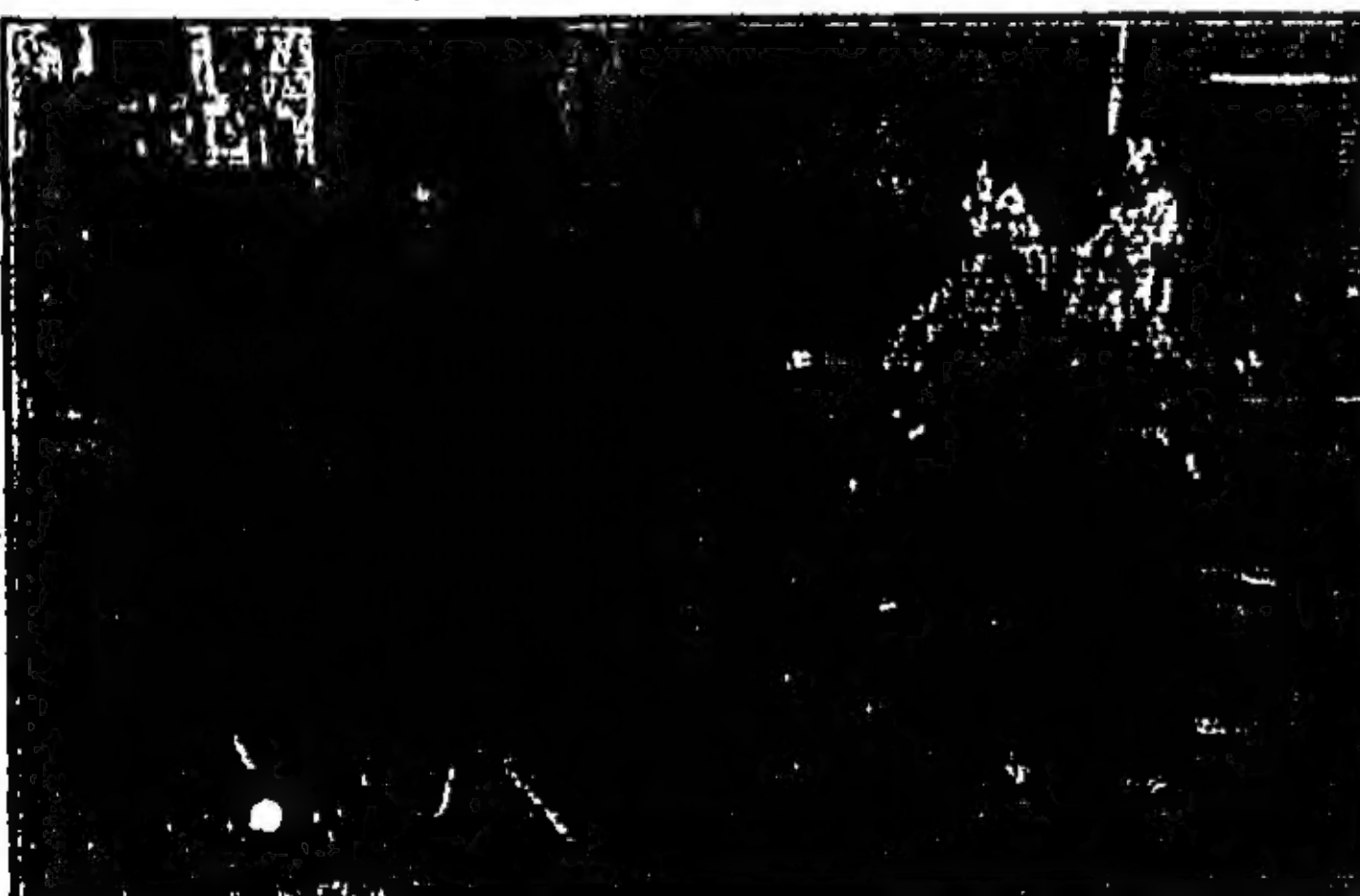
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THE QUEEN'S PLAYERS (4)

Kenneth Tynan nominates another top personality of the contemporary theatre

At ten he was a boy prodigy.

Now he is—

THE FASTIDIOUS ROMPER of 53

Novello's profile were the first and second wonders of the modern world.

The Vortex, a jeremiad against narcotics, with dialogue which sounds today not so much stilted as high-heeled, was described by Beverley Nichols as "immortal." Others, whom it shocked, were encouraged in their heresy by an unfortunate photograph for which Coward posed, supine in a knobby brass bedstead, wearing a dressing-gown and "looking," as he said, "like a heavily-doped Chinese illusionist."

He began like many other satirists (Evelyn Waugh, for instance), by rebelling against conformity, and ended up making his peace with it, even becoming its outspoken advocate. Any child with a spark of fantasy in its soul is prone to react against the English middle classes, into which Coward was born.

He bit teacher

The circumstances of his early upbringing, in Teddington, were "liable," he wrote afterwards, "to degenerate into refined gentility unless carefully watched."

He promptly reacted against them, and also against his first school-teacher, whom he bit in the arm—"an action which I have never for an instant regretted." From this orgy of rebellion he accepted his mother, a tiny octogenarian, who is now comfortably installed in a flat in Eaton Square.

With the production of *The Vortex* in 1924, notoriety hit him. He had already written two other plays and most of a revue, and had already announced that his own wit and Ivor

Novello's profile were the first and second wonders of the modern world.

To see him whole, public and private, person and artist, you must see him in cabaret. Just before his first season at the Cafe de Paris, I noticed him watching his predecessor, whose act was not going too well. I asked how he was enjoying the performance, and with a stark, stunted take-it-or-leave-it stare, he hissed: "Sauce! Sheer sauce!"

From this spread the myth that he wrote all his plays in an absolute-drenched coma; in fact, as he has been patiently explaining for nearly thirty years, he drinks little and usually starts punishing his typewriter at 7 a.m.

Sauce, he said

His triumph has been to unite two things ever dissociated in the English mind: hard work and wit. To be commonly the victim of serious-mindedness, and though, within Coward, a social historian and philosopher are constantly campaigning to be let out, they seldom escape into his work.

His wit in print is variable—he has not written a really funny play since *Present Laughter* in 1942—but in private it is unflagging. It took Coward to describe an American adaptation of *The Cherry Orchard*, set in the deep South, as "A Month in the Wrong Country"; and many other theatrical men have been fathered on him. We may never know, for example, whether it was he who, after seeing a certain actress as Queen Victoria, left the theatre mumbling

ing: "I never realised before that Albert married beneath him."

His is a great thawer, as anyone knows who has visited his home in Kensington. Hidden in smart rural tavern, with doors of glass and wrought-iron, and small-smelling panelling.

Its centrepiece is his lofty studio, where there are paintings everywhere but on the floor, some by the proprietor who is a keen amateur, and of whom, over the door, there is an excellent oil by Clemence Dane. Two grand pianos stand on rostrums in opposite corners.

The room could easily freeze conversation: but suddenly Coward enters, and even if you are new to him, sets the air urgently buzzing with questions—what are you doing, and for whom, and for how much, and have you had the misfortune to meet that terrible man and his equally ghastly daughter, and how can you bear it?

Baring his teeth as if unveiling some grotesque monument and cooing like a baritone dove, he gave us *I'll See You Again*, and the other bat-wing melodies of his youth. Nothing he does on these occasions sounds strained or arid: his tanned leathery face is still an enthusiast's.

All the time the hands are at their task affectionately caressing your too-kind applause. Amused by his own frolicsome ways, he aways from side to side waggling a finger. If your attention looks like wandering, if it is possible to romp fastidiously, that is what Coward does.

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← 'HOW' by FILES

"RED RADIO GOES ALL B.B.C." say the headlines, and an East Berlin announcer says, "Cheerfulness and humour will figure increasingly. We will fight our enemies with satire. Even with laughter. We shall use the simple language of the worker." So here we have the East Berlin

investigators all over the B.B.C., checking up on how 'tis done. The fact that a telephone conversation of Gilbert Harding's with some fool who mistook him for Rostand's Glendinning was misinterpreted as "the simple language of the worker" is beside the point.

London Express Service

Nathaniel Gubbins

"Continental children, instructed to follow B.B.C. broadcasts to learn colloquial English, are probably puzzled by cricket commentaries."—
Understatement in one of my papers.

PAPA.
Yes, Pierre?
Are the English cruel, Papa?
No, Pierre. They are very kind to animals and foreigners.

Then why do they make frenks and imbeciles play their game of cricket? It is not kind, Papa.

No, Pierre. It is not kind. But perhaps you are mistaken?
No, Papa. I listen to Monsieur Arloft, and he says two of the English side are imbeciles. One is a silly mid-on and the other a silly mid-off.

The words may have other meanings, Pierre.
But no, Papa. Silly in English is the same as stupid. "Mid" means 'half way, and my colloquial English tell me that 'off' may mean the same as 'off' 'lead. So one perhaps is 'half way round ze bend and ze ozzer quite mad. It is not nice, Papa. No, it is not nice, Pierre.

I also listen to Monsieur Swanton, and he say one bowler he bowl with one short leg, and ze ozzer he bowl with two short legs. Even one of ze umpires is a cripple.

A cripple, Pierre?
Monsieur Swanton say he have a square leg. And one of the poor fieldsmen is so frightened he hide in a gully. What is a gully, Pierre?
My dictionary say a gully is a small ravine, or a drain.

But why, is he frightened, Pierre?
He may be frightened of ze fast bowlers. Or he may be frightened of ze mad mid-on. Or he may be mad himself wix only one short leg. So he take cover in a drain. It is not sporting, is it, Papa?

No, Pierre. It is not sporting.

You: early comment on this urgent matter will be appreciated.

Sir,
In reply to your undated letter, I have no comment to make, except that I was born a normal size, and anything that has happened since is entirely your own fault. Self-indulgence and a slim figure do not go together. "Be sure your sins will find you out."

Faithfully,
Your Stomach.

How To Avoid Income Tax

I HAVE lost the clipping about the American doctor who said that hypnosis is becoming so easy that almost any strong minded character could practise it with a little training. So I can't tell you the doctor's name. But if I had been born with a strong character I would start the treatment tomorrow on Mr Bloodsucker, the Income Tax Inspector.

There he would be in his office, leaning back in his comfortable chair, looking reflectively out of the window and saying—
"I'm sorry, Mr Gubbins, but if you can't find the money I shall be obliged to take proceedings."

"Look at me, Bloodsucker," I would say sharply. His eyes would snap back from the window, and stare into mine.

"You are going to sleep, Bloodsucker," I would say. "Sleep, you so-and-so, sleep sleep sleep sleep."

The lids would come down over the crafty eyes, his mouth would sag open, his hands fold across his stomach, and the catarrh in his nose make the morning hideous with his snores. "My name is Gubbins, Bloodsucker," I would say. "Remember it. G for Gercher, U for Ugh, B for Blast you, B for Blast you, I for I, hate you, N for Nerts, and S for So-and-So."

What's more, Gubbins will never owe you any money. What's even more, you will owe Gubbins money—all the taxes he has ever paid. Wake up, Bloodsucker, and write a cheque.

And that, children, is how I became one of the idle rich, and lived happily ever after.

(London Express Service)

STEPPING INTO BERIA'S SHOES

By RALPH HEWINS

Stockholm. BERIA's successor, Sergei Kruglov, is 6ft. 6in. tall, with a square jaw, and a mop of wiry grey hair. He is 15 stone of muscle, and as tough as you would expect an Ogou man to be.

Even more remarkable, he is a Knight of the British Empire. He received this decoration after the Tehran, Yalta, and Potsdam meetings of the Big Three in 1945, when he was chief security officer.

There is not much mystery about Kruglov, and any Moscow diplomats surprised by his promotion don't know their job. Kruglov has been No. 2 since the end of the war, and has been a Soviet deputy since the Russian Revolution of 1945.

Since the end of the war he has held the rank of Lieutenant-General, and has been Vice-Minister of Defence. This suggests he has been liaison officer between the Secret Police and the Red Army. Such experience should stand him in good stead now.

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Malenkov's viewpoint all the time, and must have been keeping a watchful eye on Beria lest he should try to establish a post-Stalin one-man dictatorship, as now charged.

Anyway, Kruglov is the most experienced man available for the job now Beria has been eliminated. At various times, during the last 10 years, he has been Minister of the Interior and Minister of Internal Affairs.

He is clever as well as tough. He avoided responsibility for the doctor plot, takes credit for Beria's death, and now attributes to Beria.

The former Minister of State Security, Abukupov, was Beria's stooge, staging the accusation that the doctor murdered, or tried to murder, Soviet leaders.

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TOMORROW
The Best Actress in the
English-speaking World

London, July 21.

Both sides stepped over Middlesex who, not engaged in a Championship game, remained at 110 points in third place. Glamorgan, County Champions for the first time in 1948, are having bad luck in this season's challenge. Rain washed out play today and probably robbed them of an easy win over Gloucestershire.

The nearest they have been to the Championship was in 1932, when they were second to York-hire. This time, with a well-balanced team including many players in their twenties, Sussex have a great chance."

Biggest surprise of the season is the continued failure of Yorkshire, who crashed to Derbyshire by an innings. This Derbyshire county, 23 times winners of the Championship and winners seven times in nine years before the war, are now with only one win in 11th from the bottom, two wins in 18 games. This time last year they were in second place.

Yorkshire, 121 and 122, lost to Lancashire, 121 and 122, four for 28).

At Manchester: The Lancashire-Essex match was abandoned on the first day, owing to rain. On today, owing to rain, Lancashire 113 for two.

At Swansea: The match between Glamorgan and Gloucestershire was abandoned as a draw. There was no play today.

At Lords today: The Warwickshire-Middlesex match was in progress at 11.15. In just over 6½ hours the hit 416 runs in answer to 214. Middlesex first innings total 150. Any chance of a result disappeared when Lindsay batted badly after lunch, with three wickets left.

They were all out two hours before the close of play and the remaining 11 minutes of the day were lost to the loss of 199 runs.

Hooters blared joyfully from cars parked around the square ground when Kent gained their first victory since the opening game of the season. A fighting innings of 100 runs could have saved the staffed off defeat for Worcestershire.

Further cause for Kent's recovery was the brilliant display of the batsmen. Wright, 100 runs, was the first to reach 100 runs. He was the first to reach 100 runs. He was the first to reach 100 runs.

By "TOUCHER"

Playing much below form and finding great difficulty throughout the greater part of the game in finding his length and green, the 1947 Champion, J. S. Landolt, went surprisingly down to IRC's S. Yusuf by 12-21.

Playing consistently throughout, Yusuf jumped into the lead from the opening heads and widened it to 16-6 and 10-8 at two stages of the game.

Landolt fought back gamely and narrowed the gap to 12-10. On the next head, however, he was again plagued with short

Although lying a single after the first two woods almost a yard in front, he was wide and short with his last two woods and Yusuf drew two shots in succession to complete the round.

the name that was put forward from Thursday, W. J. D. Cameron scored a fine win over K. M. Omar. Cameron was 8-16 down at one stage of the game, when he secured the jack and put Omar completely off with flag-high leads from onwards. Omar never scored after that, and lost by 18-21.

Another spectacular recovery was also seen in the match between B. Bradbury and J. Willerton at the HKFC green. After a neck-and-neck start, Willerton gradually left Bradbury behind at 16-7 only to see the 1939 Champion fight back with his usual tactics to draw up a 12-15 on the 14th head and a 17-7 on the 20th.

Bradbury scored a single to lead 18-17 on the 21st head. Willerton replied with a single to tie again. Bradbury regained the lead with another single and on the 24th head was tying two shots which would have given him the game but for a fine heavy shot by Willerton into the shot woods to give him a count of two and a lead of 20-17.

Two beautiful drawn snags by Bradbury on a jump shot on the 24th head barely four feet apart, split the end.

Libbey and H. B. Roberts 28-11.

TODAY'S GAMES
Colony Open Singles
At Rectory: J. Chubb v. Tunhill.
At KCC: A. G. Coles v. C. Pereira.
At KBCC: R. M. V. Rudge v. L. F. Coombe.
At HROC: A. F. Ome v. J. A. Lutz.
At KRC: S. M. Rumja v. R. E. Brown.
At BCC: A. E. Coates v. Russell v. A. W. Tunstall.

The attacking field set by Ron Archer for the "overnight" watchman", John Wardle, battling with Willie Watson at the other end, on the third day of the Third Test at Old Trafford.—Central Press Photo.

By PETER DITTON

If you can imagine a heavyweight boxer posing himself to deliver a haymaker and suddenly finding his opponent falling even before the blow has landed, then I imagine you can appreciate the feelings of the England team at the close of the Third Test at Old Trafford.

On a wicket taking a considerable amount of spin they set out to show the Australians just how good they could be. But the Australians refused to play their part.

Instead of trying to put up some resistance they allowed themselves to take liberties which in normal circumstances they could ill-afford.

The result was a most shocking exhibition of cross-batting and reckless hitting against bowling of a high quality. The outcome was inevitable. Eight wickets fell for 35 runs in just over one hour.

South England may now feel they have gained a psychological

Monte Carlo, July 21.

The new Sports Committee of Monte Carlo organising the famous Rally of Monte Carlo has announced revolutionary measures to revive interest in Europe's biggest stock car rally.

After the semi-failure of this year's Rally when some 200 cars finished the 3,500 kilometres without penalties and had to be trimmed down to 100 through a 30 seconds driving test, the organisers decided to make the contest much harder.

The biggest change will be a raising of the speed average from 50 kilometres to 65 and 85 kilometres, and absolute disqualification of any driver going over the 80-kilometre mark.

This is in order to prevent the mad races which took place during last year's Rally with competitors doing over 120 kilometres an hour and spending hours of rest later before reaching the control points.

The second important change will be the holding of a regularity speed contest during the last lap of the Rally between Gap and Monte Carlo in the

The drivers will have to choose an average speed of between 50 and 65 kilometres for this leg and keep as close to it as possible, even in the 12 kilometres of mountain climbing at the peak of Iqaluit. The first event of "speed performance" will take place on the well-known "city track" through the winding streets of the town. The first 100 competitors will take part in this

Organisers announced that they would re-open for the first time since the war the route from Athens to Monte Carlo through Belgrade, Zagreb, Trieste, Turin, the pass of Mont Genevre and Briançon, to finally join the other common Alpine valleys.

Brussels, July 21.
Italy tonight won the Men's Sword Team Fencing Championship with 23 victories compared with France's 25 wins.

The Women's Team Fencing Championship was won by Hungary—France-Prose.

Under-20 Chess Championship
Copenhagen, July 21.
The World Chess Championship for the "under 20s" was won here tonight by an Argentine Parolo.

A West German, Dams, runner-up—France-Prose.

By JOHN PARRY

London, July 21.

This looks like the year for European speedway—the year in which the authorities and the fans in Britain finally come to realise that the best riders don't necessarily originate either in the British Isles or in the far-off lands of Australia and New Zealand.

Globality, in fact, looks like being the one thing which will save speedway from the curse of falling gates in Britain. Since the postwar boom ended around 1949, attendances have been falling steadily.

Some responsible journalists have repeatedly advanced the suggestion that the British leaguists should be thrown open to European riders, but the Speedway Riders' Association, which is the real boss of the sport here, has refused to

The SRA, which somehow always manages to override the Speedway Control Board on such matters, contends that Continental riders should not be engaged while there are good British riders available.

The fans don't see it that way, however, and with too many of the home product not riding hard enough to give the supporter the thrills he hopes to see, the fans stay home.

CREEPING : ON

But this season, with two tracks already closed down for lack of money, continental

riders are beginning to creep onto British tracks as the SRA realises the error of its ways. And the fans are beginning to creep back with them, flocking back through the turnstiles to watch the Gaisvill Swedes and the Norwegians who ride in every race as though it was their last.

Not for them the easy way of tuckering in behind the leader at the first bend and then just sitting there without making an effort to overtake. Riders like Basse Hveem, Olle Nygren and Sune Karlsson never give up until they have shot over the finishing line, and this is precisely what excites them to start what is regarded as the fiercest of the riders of 20 years ago as the fans of the new sport.

The Continental ace who has made the biggest hit here is Norwegian champion 33-year-old Left "Basser" Hivem. He has ridden in many meetings in various parts of the country over the past two years, and has steadily improved. He has won a number of races at the world and, though not called upon to ride.

Memorandum

Toddy Gwynn, who was today offered a world, little fight — a chance, which never came his way — when he was the British, British Empire and European Champion — and he turned it down.

He offer came from Dr Alvin Cahu, the manager of the World Flyweight Champion, Yoshio Shirai of Japan, through the Newcastle promoter, Joe Shephard, who is Gardener to a little park in Tokyo.

"Wild horses would not drag me back to boxing," said Gardner.

"I am retired and I am staying retired. I would not go to Tokyo if there were 420,000 in it for me."

Gardner retired last year after being beaten by South Africa's Jake Tull, the present Empire champion.—Reuters.

Sydney July 21

The New South Wales Swimming Association Executive tonight unanimously opposed a proposal to bring Japanese swimmers to Sydney next season.

The Executive was discussing a letter from the Australian Swimmers Association which had been received on a visit by international swimmers last season and naming Japanese, French and Americans most likely to expect to win.

The Executive decided in favour of Americans with pre-

Last season, the Victorian Swimming Association declared a ban on the appearance of Japanese swimmers at state championships.

Hironoshin Furuhara, then on ground that it did not concern swimmers and that the people who still have strong feelings about the Japanese.

The Olympic Champion, Clark Schell, and the world record holder, Dick Cleveland, were mentioned.

The Executive indicated it would be prepared to sponsor Cleveland.

The ban was lifted in following press criticism and was widespread publicity on St. Louis' appearance at carnival other than those controlled by the Association.

NO REASONS GIVEN
The Executive did not give any reasons for its opposition to Japanese swine.

Ticker-Tape Reception For Hogan

New York, July 21. Ben Hogan, the American Golf Champion, returned to the United States today after his victory in the British Open Golf Tournament looking thin and a bit wan.

His wife, Valerie, who traveled with him, said he was "thoroughly exhausted" and told reporters in a shipboard interview in the liner United States that she was "worried about him."

Hogan won the Masters Tournament, and his fourth United States Open Golf Championship before making his first trip to Britain, a victorious one at Carnoustie, Scotland.

"I would like to see him not try for any more big championships if he has to work as hard as he did for these," Mrs. Hogan said. "I would rather he started playing just for fun."

New York City is preparing to give Ben Hogan a hero's welcome with a ticker-tape parade and a civic reception at City Hall.

During his interview he talked like anything but a man who was ready to give up the game. "I plan to continue playing golf," he said, "and I am certain I will play again in the Open. Whether I play in a British tournament again is a question. That is a long way off. I will decide when the time comes."

"But right now I am very tired of traveling and very tired of playing golf. The way I feel now I don't know whether I would like to go after these three tournaments again in the same year," he added.

"ENVY EXTRAORDINARY"

Washington, July 21. President Eisenhower today congratulated golfer Ben Hogan on being "an envoy extraordinary in the business of building friendship for America."

Mr. Eisenhower, an ardent golfer, telephoned to Hogan, recent winner of the British Open Golf Championship, at New York where the golfer was receiving a ticker-tape reception.

"Millions of Americans would like to participate with the New Yorkers today who are extending their traditional welcome on your return from your magnificent victory," said the President.

"We are proud of you, not only as a great competitor and a master of your craft, but also as an envoy extraordinary in the business of building friendship for America," United Press.

HONGKONG DEFEAT SYDNEY

Sydney, July 21. The touring Hongkong Eastern soccer team beat Sydney by three goals, to one at the Sydney Cricket Ground today after leading by 2-0 at half time.

The Hongkong side, who lost the opening match to New South Wales by 4-3 last Saturday, were deserved winners of today's match — the second of their visit.

They gave a delightful exhibition of clever, speedy football, and were never seriously troubled by the local eleven.

Hongkong took the lead when Chu Wing-keung netted from the penalty spot soon after play began.

Sydney then dominated for a brief spell but found Hongkong's goalkeeper, Yu Yui-jak, unbeatable as he jumped and dived to make several spectacular saves.

Hongkong went two up when Hau Ching-to streaked down the wing and squared to Szeto Man right in front of the goal mouth for the latter to tap the ball into the net.

Hongkong increased their lead to 3-0 two minutes after resumption when Ho Ying-fun took the ball through and, after passing two defenders, centred neatly to Lee Chung-fat, who beat the Sydney goalie with a fast ground shot.

Sydney saved a shut-out with a goal towards the end of the game, which drew a crowd of 6,000 spectators.—Reuter.

WATER POLO LEAGUE

Two Colony Water Polo League matches were played at the Royal Naval Pool yesterday when the Royal Naval Police beat the Land Forces, 6-2, and the Royal Naval Dolphins beat the Royal Air Force 6-1.

The match between South China and the Chinese Civil Service, was postponed.



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British Athletes To Have Matches With France, Germany And Sweden

London, July 21. Although the recently completed Amateur Athletic Association Championships are regarded by some diehard pundits as the peak of Britain's track and field season, most fans agree that they merely provide a curtain raiser for the stiff programme of international competition scheduled for the second half of this season.

40 Nations In Bucharest's Youth Sports

London, July 20. Sports stars from both the Communist and Western worlds will gather in Bucharest for two weeks beginning August 2 for the "Fourth World Festival of Youth and Students," according to messages received here from the official Rumanian news agency Agerpress.

More than 4,000 competitors from 40 nations have announced their intention of participating in the various events. Agerpress said, and among them will be some of the top names in world sports.

Communist China and North Korea are also reported to be sending large teams, while soccer and rugby football teams from France, Italy, Austria, Denmark and England will be taking part. Agerpress said. Track and field and rowing teams from these countries also will compete, the agency said. Russia's Olympic woman shot putting champion Galina Zyblina will be a member of the large team from the Soviet Union, which will also include European boxing champion Vladimir Enigbubun, top woman fencer Nina Ponomareva Romscova, European hop, step and jump record holder Leonid Scherbakov, and many other well-known Russian athletes.

OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS

The Hungarian delegation, also large, will include swimmer Eva Szekely, hammer thrower Josef Czerwik, swimmers Catalin Soke and Valeria Gyenge, and Imre Hodos, a top ranking track star.

Jamaica is sending Olympic 400-meter champion George Rhoden and his great rival "Hustling Herb" McKenley, while from East Germany will come the complete cycling team which won the Prague-Berlin-Warsaw race earlier this year.

Czechoslovakia's triple Olympic champion Emil Zatopek and his wife, javelin thrower Dana Zatopkova, have also announced their intention of taking part in the track events, together with Cuba's top sprinter, Rafael Fortin Chacon. The Finnish delegation is expected to comprise 130 members, many of whom represented their country in various sports at the Helsinki Olympics. — United Press.

Henricks' Visit Extended

All local swimming fans will be delighted to learn that the one-day visit by the young Australian swimmer, Jon Henricks, has now been extended to five days.

Henricks will arrive on August 8 and will remain until August 13.

The HKASA is to be congratulated in its decision to provide local swimmers and enthusiasts with the opportunity of seeing Henricks in action, by having arranged three gala races for August 8, 10 and 12. The venue will be announced later.

FRANCASAL MYSTERY UNSOLVED

London, July 21. Scotland Yard detectives watched all British sea and air exits today for several men they think were involved in an attempted £250,000 betting coup at Bath, in Western England, last Thursday.

An unknown French horse named Francasal or another horse named Santa Amaro which might have been switched—won the first race at 10-1.

Francasal was found by police on Sunday night after a 72-hour search in a barn belonging to a horse transporter near Reading, 50 miles west of London. In the barn was Santa Amaro, similar in colour and markings to Francasal.

Both horses were examined yesterday by experts and their report will be handed to-day to Superintendent Reginald Spooner, who is in charge of the inquiries.

No definite conclusions will be reached as to whether the horses were switched until then. Scotland Yard have asked the French police to help them in their enquiries.

Singapore Not Going To Defend Rugger Trophy

Singapore, July 21. Singapore will not defend the All-India Cup which she won at the All-India Rugger Championships at Colombo in February.

The President of the Singapore Rugby Union, Mr. H. F. Clements, told the annual general meeting that the Union had decided to participate in the next meeting at Bombay.

The cup will be returned to the All-India Rugby Union, who are sponsors of the tournament. — United Press.

Six World Records And The Best Part Of The Season Still Ahead

By "RECORDER"

The score in world athletic records for 1953 is six — not counting two by women's relay teams. These are 880 Yards in 1 minute 48.6 seconds by Malvin Whitfield (USA), Six Miles in 28 minutes 19.4 seconds by Gordon Pirie (Great Britain), the Hop, Step and Jump at 53 feet 2 7/8 inches by Yuriy Shcherbakov (USSR), the Shot Put at 59 feet 2 3/4 inches by Parry O'Brien (USA), the Discus Throw at 190 feet 7 1/2 inches by Fortune Gordien (USA), after Sim Iness had brought the record up to 190.07 1/2 and the High Jump at 6 feet 11 1/2 inches by Walter Davis (USA).

The Four-Minute Mile has still to come and is likely practically any day of the week any time in the next 10 weeks. In a recent article we dealt with the hubbub that the Finnish runner, Dennis Johansson had raised by omitting to mention Roger Bannister as a possible rival at man under four minutes.

Gaston Reiff disagrees and thinks that Bannister is the man. But the man who came nearest to the Four-Minute Mile, Gunnar Ingberg of Sweden, who returned 4:01.3 at Malmo, Sweden, in 1931, has different ideas from Johansson or Reiff.

His best bet is Rolf Lamers, the little German runner who led the Helsinki 1,500 Metres final for three laps and was still strong enough at the end to finish fifth.

In addition to the Mile record other current world records in grave danger of being surpassed are the 10,000 Metres, 100 Metres High Hurdles, High Jump and Javelin Throw.

Gordon Pirie is certain that he can beat Gunder Hege's 13:32.4 for Three Miles. On June 20 this year he came within 0.4 seconds of this mark. Pirie is also a serious challenger to the world records for 5,000 and 10,000 Metres, as is the Russian, Aleksandr Anufriyev.

Pirie's 28:19.4 for the Six Miles at the AAA Championships beat Viljo Heino's former world record of 28:30.8 at Kuopio, Finland, in 1948, by a very handy 11.8 seconds.

Heino, when he was setting up that record, was killing two birds with one stone. On the same occasion he ran the extra 376.11 yards to the 10,000 Metres mark in another 56.4 seconds.

Add on 56.4 seconds to Pirie's new world mark for Six Miles and we get 29:15.8—13.2 seconds short of Zatopek's world record for 10,000 Metres. Pirie has a surprising ability to take 28 seconds off his former best performance, as he did at the AAA Championships. What is another 14 seconds to a great-hearted runner with boundless confidence in himself?

It's just a matter of who gets there sooner—Pirie or Anufriyev. The Russian already has more than 28—Zatopek ever had. His 13:58.8 and 29:23.2 for the two metric races at Kiev in the space of two days in June is more fast running than Zatopek has ever accomplished.

In the High Hurdles, Jack Davis came within a tenth of a second of the world record when he returned 13.6 seconds at Stockton, California, on June 13. There was a slight following wind. At the same meeting, Franklin Heid, who had a practice throw of 281 feet earlier this season, reached out to 246 feet 1 1/2 inches with the Javelin.

Held, also, has a Russian rival. Vladimir Kuznetsov has reached 232 feet exactly—only 8 feet 2 3/4 inches short of Yrjo Nikkanen's world record, standing since 1938. The season hasn't started properly in Scandinavia and is not in really high gear anywhere in Europe. It may yet well be a year with a dozen new world records.

One of Dennis Johansson's five nominees as the runner likeliest to get the Mile—Sweden's Sune Karlsson—took the lead as the year's fastest 1,500 Metres runner when at Gavio on June 23 he ran the distance in 3:44.2—just 1.2 seconds off the world record.

In second place was no other than Dennis Johansson himself in the new Finnish record time of 3:45.2. On June 14 at Sodertalje came the biggest surprise of the season when 32-year-old Bertil Albertsson, better known as a 10,000 Metres runner, staggered the crowd by clocking 3:49.4 for 1,500 Metres. Though beaten by Ingvar Eriksson, who clocked 3:48.4, Albertsson had beaten his previous best time for the 1,500 Metres by 14 seconds!

Meanwhile Werner Lueg, one of the three joint holders of the world record for the 1,500 Metres, demonstrated at Hamm on June 23 that he intended to remain well in the running. Lueg beat an international field in 4:07.8. Place times were—Ingvar Eriksson (Sweden) 4:08.0, Lundberg (Sweden) 4:08.2, Rolf Lamers (Germany) 4:08.6, Gunther Dohrow (Germany) 4:08.6.

Best performances to date, complete for the European season up to July 4 and for the whole of the American season, exclusive of some late June and early July marks, follow:

100 YARDS: Michael Agostini (Trinidad) 10.4, Heinz Fütterer (Germany) 10.4, Art Bragg (USA) 10.4, Peter Kraus (Germany) 10.4, Karl-Friedrich Haas (Germany) 10.9, Frank Bragg (USA) 10.9, Levan Sanadze (USSR) 10.9, Michael Agostini (Trinidad) 10.9, Balwant Singh (India) 10.9, Lavy Pinto (India) 10.9, Gerardo Benabot (Argentina) 10.9, Brooks (USA) 10.9, Bela Goldovsky (Hungary) 10.9, Peter Kraus (Germany) 10.9, Emil Kiczka (Poland) 10.9, Boris Tokaryev (USSR) 10.9, Leonid Gritskov (USSR) 10.9, Schroeder (East Germany) 10.9, E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) 10.9.

200 METRES: Art Bragg (USA) 21.3, Heinz Fütterer (Germany) 21.3, E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) 21.3, Peter Kraus (Germany) 21.3, Gerardo Benabot (Argentina) 21.3, Benedek Ferreira (Brazil) 21.3.

220 YARDS: W. Thane Baker (USA) 20.4, Michael Agostini (Trinidad) 20.4, Pollard (USA) 20.4, Paul Wells (USA) 20.4, Stanfield (USA) 20.4, King (USA) 20.4, Henry Thresher (USA) 20.9, G. L. P. (USA) 20.9, Leslie Laine (Jamaica) 20.9, Paul Wells (USA) 20.9.

400 METRES: Karl-Friedrich Haas (Germany) 40.3, Herb McKenley (Jamaica) 40.3, Michael Agostini (Trinidad) 40.3, Andrei Stankov (Bulgaria) 40.3, Herby McKenley (Jamaica) 40.3.

800 METRES: Roger Moens (Belgium) 1:40.0, Audun Boyen (Norway) 1:40.0, Stanislav Jungwirth (Czechoslovakia) 1:50.1, Roger Bannister (England) 1:50.2, Gunnar Ingberg (Sweden) 1:50.2, Lucien Demuyck (Belgium) 1:50.2, W. Rick El Mabrouk (Algeria) 1:50.2, Alfred Stritzke (Czechoslovakia) 1:52.0, Gerard Rausquin (Luxembourg) 1:52.1, Tamen Sandoval (Chile) 1:52.3, Ludvik Lanka (Czechoslovakia) 1:52.3.

1,500 METRES: Sune Karlsson (Sweden) 3:44.2, John Lancy (Australia) 3:44.4, Stanislav Jungwirth (Czechoslovakia) 3:45.0, Dennis Johansson (Finland) 3:45.2, Ingvar Eriksson (Sweden) 3:46.0, Roger Bannister (USA) 3:47.0, Patrick El Mabrouk (Algeria) 3:48.2, Joseph Barthel (Luxembourg) 3:49.4, Bertil Albertsson (Sweden) 3:49.4, Rolf Lamers (Germany) 3:50.4, Wes Santee (USA) 3:50.6, Andris Oshienheimer (Yugoslavia) 3:51.2, Donar Talspe (Australia) 3:51.4, Franz Herman (Belgium) 3:51.6, Radojko Tharac (Hungary) 3:51.6, Bill Nankville (USA) 3:51.6, V. Milligan (GB) 3:52.0.

ONE MILE: Roger Bannister (USA) 4:02.0, Wes Santee (USA) 4:02.4, John Lancy (Australia) 4:02.6, Dennis Johansson (Finland) 4:02.6, Gaston Reiff (Belgium) 4:02.7, Charles Capozzoli (USA) 4:02.7, Joe LaPierre (USA) 4:02.7, Werner Lueg (Germany) 4:02.8, Ingvar Eriksson (Sweden) 4:02.8, Donald Seaman (GB) 4:02.8, Lundberg (Sweden) 4:02.8, Rolf Lamers (Germany) 4:02.8, Gunther Dohrow (Germany) 4:02.8.

3,000 METRES: Frans Herman (Belgium) 8:06.0, Stanislav Jungwirth (Czechoslovakia) 8:12.2, Gaston Reiff (Belgium) 8:12.6, Emil Zatopek (Czechoslovakia) 8:12.8, Ulfar John (Finland) 8:13.0, Lucien Theys (Belgium) 8:13.0, Ingvar Eriksson (Sweden) 8:13.0, Jozef Cermak (Czechoslovakia) 8:13.0, Zlatko Cezaj (Yugoslavia) 8:13.0, Ib Planck (Denmark) 8:13.0, Jozef Cermak (Czechoslovakia) 8:13.0, Chris Chalmers (GB) 8:13.0.

TWO MILES: Charles Capozzoli (USA) 8:49.6, Gordon Pirie (GB) 8:50.0, Charles Capozzoli (USA) 8:50.2, Alan Mimoun (Algeria) 8:50.2, Frank Sando (England) 8:50.2, Freddie Green (GB) 8:50.2, Gene Matthews (USA) 8:50.2.

THREE MILES: Gordon Pirie (GB) 13:41.8, Freddie Green (GB) 13:42.0, Frank Sando (England) 13:42.0, Les Perry (Australia) 13:42.0, Ian Binnie (GB) 13:41.4, Len Eyre (GB) 13:42.0, Jim Doherty (Australia) 13:42.0, W. P. R. Ringer (GB) 13:42.0, M. P. Maynard (GB) 13:42.0, Fred Warren (Australia) 13:42.0, Jim Peters (GB) 13:42.0.

5,000 METRES: Aleksandr Anufriyev (USSR) 13:58.8, Alan Mimoun (Algeria) 14:08.4, Donar Talspe (Australia) 14:14.4, Ian Binnie (GB) 14:14.4, Gordon Reiff (Belgium) 14:14.4, Herbert Schade (Germany) 14:15.6, Gordon Pirie (GB) 14:15.6, David Hinton (Finland) 14:22.0, Emil Zatopek (Czechoslovakia) 14:22.0, V. Kuts (USSR) 14:22.0.

SIX MILES: Gordon Pirie (GB) 28:19.4, Jim Peters (England) 28:20.0, Ian Binnie (GB) 28:20.0, D. H. Holden (GB) 28:20.0, Les Perry (Australia) 28:20.0, Laurie Taylor (Australia) 28:20.0, Jack Davey (Australia) 28:20.0, H. V. Ford (England) 28:20.4, P. Norris (England) 28:20.7.

10,000 METRES: Aleksandr Anufriyev (USSR) 29:15.8, Alan Mimoun (Algeria) 30:08.0, Ivan Poshidayev (USSR) 30:11.0.

STEPPLECHASE: Olari Rintanen (Finland) 8:44.4, Peter Segedin (Yugoslavia) 8:47.6, Andrei Stankov (Bulgaria) 8:47.6, Bogdan Djuraskovic (Yugoslavia) 8:47.6, John Lancy (Australia) 8:47.6, Chris Brasher (GB) 8:47.6, Kadyany (USSR) 8:47.6.

120 YARDS HURDLES: Jack Davey (USA) 14.0, Joel McNulty (USA) 14.0, Art Barnard (USA) 14.1, Willie Wright (USA) 14.1, Ray Weinberg (Australia) 14.2, Bob Mathias (USA) 14.2, Emil Zatopek (Czechoslovakia) 14.2, Jim Philbee (USA) 14.3, Willard Thompson (USA) 14.3, Milton Carter (USA) 14.3.

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Franc Rumours Dying Down: Devaluation Not Likely At Present

Imports From Japan

No Approach Made By Tokyo

London, July 21. The Japanese Government has made no official approach to the United Kingdom for a new series of trade talks aimed at easing British restrictions on imports from Japan.

This was stated by a Treasury spokesman following reports from Tokyo that the Minister of International Trade and Industry, Mr. Okano, had requested a meeting.

British officials, however, expressed surprise that such a request should be contemplated at this time. It is barely three months since British authorities the colonies to step up their imports from Japan as a means of arresting the drain on Japan's Sterling reserves.

Britain also agreed, following talks with Japanese officials in London, to permit Japan to raise short-term credit in the London money market to tide her over the period until the relaxation of Colonial import restrictions became fully effective.

In view of these recent concessions, Treasury officials feel it is a little early for Japan to be planning a new approach to Britain. But it is believed here that the Japanese Government may wish to discuss general trade matters affecting both countries as soon as possible in view of the possibility of an early end to the fighting in Korea.

JAPANESE DYESTUFF EXPORTS

Tokyo, July 21. China, which accounted for 40 per cent of Japan's pre-war dyestuff export trade, has taken less than ten per cent since the Communist took over, manufacturers said today, calling for a boost in the dyestuff trade with Communist China.

Only nine per cent of the country's production was bought by Red China and Hongkong in the best post-war year—1952.

Manufacturers pointed out now that the Korean armistice is in the offing, Japan should prepare to resume full-scale trade with Red China.

In 1939, 11,482 tons of dyestuff were shipped abroad, but the figure dwindled to 899 tons in 1951.

(By Sydney S. Campoll, Reuter's Financial Editor)

Although the forward discounts on the French franc remain ominously large, rumours of early devaluation have remarkably died down.

For internal political reasons the Laniel Government is expected to last at least until the autumn. It is regarded as a caretaker government, whose main job will be to keep things going rather than to make major changes, let alone so drastic a change as devaluation.

Yet this is not certain. A couple of months ago the feeling in informed quarters outside France was that as soon as there was a government strong enough to do anything, it would do a devaluation.

Mr. Laniel's government does not qualify as a strong one. But there is always a chance that it will prove itself to be so, and in any case a more recent idea outside France was that some "unknown" might become premier to carry the unpopular task of devaluation, whereas some better known premier would perform the needed reforms. On his installation, Mr. Laniel certainly qualified as an unknown.

The French rate is not the same thing as the franc. Of late, the French authorities have consistently had to support the franc in the market, particularly by selling D-marks.

THE LATEST RUBBER PRICES

London, July 21. The rubber market was quiet after a little steady improvement. Number one RSS closed 1/2 higher at 10 1/2 pence per lb. The closing rates were as follows:

Spot	1953-1954	1954-1955
August	10 1/2	10 1/2
September	10 1/2	10 1/2
October/November	10 1/2	10 1/2
January/February	10 1/2	10 1/2
March/April	10 1/2	10 1/2
May/June	10 1/2	10 1/2

—United Press.

Small Losses Registered On Wall St.

New York, July 21. The stock market declined again today but losses were small and there was a marked lack of selling pressure.

Sales for the day totalled only 850,000 shares compared to 930,000 yesterday.

Only 1,015 issues appeared on the tape with 458 lower, 273 higher and 284 unchanged. The average losses of 76 cents in industrials, 62 cents in rails and 15 cents in utilities were the result more of small losses rather than any wide moves.

Brokers continued to list the Korean uncertainties as the number one market deterrent. They look for further irregular dull markets until true terms are finally defined.

Aluminum Company of America fell a point to \$40 1/2, and Aluminum Limited fell to \$40 1/2 on news that the Government was acting to cancel all contracts.

Auto stocks, which sharply declined yesterday on reports of a slow-down to come in that industry, behaved somewhat better today.

Nevertheless, Studebaker fell 1/2 point to a new low, Chrysler was down 1/2 to \$70 1/2, General Motors held unchanged at \$55 1/2. —United Press.

N.Y. Cotton Futures

New York, July 21. Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot	1953-1954	1954-1955
August	24 1/2	24 1/2
September	24 1/2	24 1/2
October/November	24 1/2	24 1/2
January/February	24 1/2	24 1/2
March/April	24 1/2	24 1/2
May/June	24 1/2	24 1/2

—United Press.

QUITE INSUFFICIENT

He has had more success with the Assembly than was expected, and his tenure of office will not necessarily be on sufferance; his Government is supposed to be a provisional one, but there is a French saying that it is only the provisional that lasts.

Yet the powers of his Government seem quite insufficient to cure the deep-seated malady of France's finances. The extra taxes the Assembly has covered only 60 milliard francs of a budget deficit of 700 milliards.

However, ruthless measures to cut expenditure may be applied, it is more than doubtful whether they could do all the rest of the job, and in time.

Meanwhile, the financing of the deficit by massive borrowing from the Bank of France is as inflationary as can be, and the extra taxes are optimistically reckoned to amortise it in not less than three years.

The French State does its inflationary borrowing in haste, and repays at leisure. Whether or not the fur of France's various deficits can be cured by a surgical operation, it is hardly probable that they can be cured with one—Reuter.

Economic Talks In London

London, July 21. Anglo-Iraqi trade, financial and economic talks began today when the economic committee of the two countries held its first meeting.

The committee will meet again at the Foreign Office tomorrow and then adjourn for a few days.

The committee was set up last July and the talks are expected to last for about a week.

The committee is examining questions concerning Iraq's full membership in the sterling area. It will also review Iraq's balance of payments with the sterling area and discuss trade prospects between the two countries—Reuter.

Negotiations For Purchase Of Sterling

Tokyo, July 21.

Japanese newspapers reported that Japan is negotiating for the purchase of sterling assets with the Bank of International Monetary Fund.

On the theory that Japan's sterling shortage is only temporary, however, the Japanese Government aims at buying back yen with pounds, the press reports said.

This action would be in addition to the £10 million yen swap that Japan is trying to negotiate with Great Britain, it was said.

The reports said officials of IMF promised to take up the matter at a meeting of the Board of Directors. —United Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$774,837.50. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

Bank	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HSBC	1000	20	1020
East Asia	100	10	110
Union	100	10	110
U.K. Fire	100	10	110

SHIPPING

Waterboat	10.00
Asia New	1.45 1.55

DOCKS, ETC.

Wharf	10.00
Providence	12.00 12.50
S'hal Dock	8.5 8.50 10.00
Wheeler	8.5 8.50 10.00

LAND, ETC.

HSBC	10.00
East Asia	10.00
Union	10.00
U.K. Fire	10.00

UTILITIES

Peak	25.00
Star	25.00
C. Light	12.40 12.50
C. Light (N)	12.40 12.50
C. Light (S)	12.40 12.50
Electric	12.40 12.50
Water	12.40 12.50
Telephone	12.40 12.50

INDUSTRIALS

HSBC	10.00
East Asia	10.00
Union	10.00
U.K. Fire	10.00

STORES, ETC.

HSBC	10.00
East Asia	10.00
Union	10.00
U.K. Fire	10.00

COTTONS

HSBC	10.00
East Asia	10.00
Union	10.00
U.K. Fire	10.00

MISCELLANEOUS

HSBC	10.00
East Asia	10.00
Union	10.00
U.K. Fire	10.00

Sugar Prices In N.Y.

New York, July 21.

World Number Four sugar futures today closed three to eight points higher with sales of 484 contracts.

Domestic Number Six sugar closed two points lower to one point higher with sales of 238 contracts.

Cuban producers buying and reports that Germany will shortly be in the market for additional supply combined to bolster the world contract. Domestic futures moved irregularly as traders awaited clarification of the price situation for the refined article.

The 10-point rise announced by several leading refiners on Monday has not been followed by all companies, the dealers pointed out. Prices of futures closed as follows:

Contract No. 4 (world)

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Man Admits Damaging Telephones

Stripped to the waist, a 33-year-old English seaman of the R.R. Keillins, Wilfred Charles Short, stood in the dock before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning, charged with malicious damage to two telephones belonging to the Hongkong Telephone Company.

When asked by the Magistrate whether he admitted the charges against him, Short replied, "Oh I broke the phones right."

He was fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$30 damages. Insp. W. H. B. Howell told the Court that the accused went to 453 Hennessy Road, ground floor, where he consumed some food and wine. He then decided not to pay for the meal and told the proprietor that he had lost \$100 in the shop. He dialled 999 on the shop's telephone after which he slammed the receiver down so hard that it broke.

When the Police arrived the defendant told them that it was only an accident, and was let free.

A few minutes later the accused went into 195 Lockhart Road, ground floor, where he again damaged another phone.

The Police were called and the defendant was taken to the station where he was charged with the offences.

A search of the defendant revealed a \$100 note hidden in one of his socks.

Magistrate Admonishes Defendant

"If your seat was in line with the gutter as you say then your bonnet would have been protruding into the road," said Mr. Thomas Tam, in Central this morning to a defendant charged with dangerous driving.

All the time you have been telling the Court, he told the defendant, Chang Kwan-yu, "that you are a wonderful man but you won't listen to anybody else. You are the sort of uneducated man that later becomes a mechanic. You probably will become a mechanic. But you still don't know the real difference between truth and lies. You just don't know. Anything you say that helps you save your skin is the truth."

The defendant was charged with having swerved suddenly and without giving signals out into the middle of the road from the curb side, in order to get in position to back into his garage. An inspector, driving down the road at the time, had to brake and turn sharply to avoid him.

Mr. Tam had a few words to say about the garage. "It seems to me the sooner that garage of yours, composed of verandah posts and what have you, is removed, the better."

The defendant was cautioned.

Disobeyed PC's Signal

"When an inexperienced driver meets an experienced Point-Duty Policeman something is bound to happen," remarked Mr. Thomas Tam this morning at Central.

He was speaking to a man, So Yung-hing, who had been charged with not obeying a Policeman's signal at the junction of Hennessy and Fleming Roads on June 1. The defendant was cautioned.

The Magistrate went on to say that when a Point-Duty Policeman was observed giving signals without clear purposes, cars should stop. In any case, they should not go past the Policeman on duty unless expressly motioned to do so.

Lost Jewellery Recovered

Los Angeles, July 21. Police said here today that jewellery valued at \$71,450 reported missing by the film actress, Andrea Leeds, had been found under a cushion of a sofa at a local department store.

They said a silk bag containing jewellery apparently slipped from the actress's purse while she was shopping. —Reuter.

COURT TOLD OF RUNNING GUN BATTLE

The story of a running gun-battle between the Police and an armed robber following a robbery at a watch shop in Wanchai last April was told at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when Ho Tei, alias Tau Kai-tei, 38, unemployed, went on trial charged with using arms against a person without lawful authority under the Emergency Regulations — which provides for the death penalty on conviction.

The accused was alleged to have shot and wounded PC 618, Ho Shuen, and a British soldier in the course of a Police chase after having allegedly taken part in the robbery at the Tam Lau Kee Watch Shop, 80 Johnston Road, ground floor.

The case is being heard before Mr. Justice C. W. Seccombe, P. J. Judge, and an all-male jury. The accused is defended by Mr. V. L. J. Allen, instructed by Mr. C. S. Ford, Mr. A. Hooton, Q.C., Solicitor-General, and Mr. Simon L. Crown Counsel, are conducting the Prosecution. Det. Sub-Inspector W. B. Savage is present for the Police.

Giving the facts according to the Prosecution, the Solicitor-General told the jury that the accused was charged under the Emergency Regulations, which provides for the death penalty on conviction.

"It may indeed be unpleasant to sit in any case where the death penalty may be imposed," he went on, "but I suggest that you should, as far as possible, try to put the penalty out of your minds, for it is your duty only to decide on the evidence whether or not this man is guilty of the charge."

Mr. Hooton said the robbery in question took place in a watch shop opposite the Southern Playground. Shortly after 10 p.m. on April 3, the employees of the shop were collecting the watches from the show cases to put them away for the night.

While they were doing so, two men came up. One of them stood near the entrance, while the other walked in, drawing a revolver from his girdle as he did so. This man, Mr. Hooton stated, is alleged to have been the accused.

He told up FOKS. The man with the gun held up the three foks of the shop, while the unarmed man collected a number of watches. One of the foks, however, was not deterred by the menace of the gun, and he turned and had a good look at the gunman's face.

He took so good a look that he was able to identify the man some weeks later at an identification parade held by the Police.

Continuing, the Solicitor-General told the jury that, after getting the loot, the two men ran out of the shop, and turned left. One of the shop foks blew a police whistle and the three of them took up the chase. The two robbers quickened their pace, and turned left into Tai Weng Road East. At the end of that street, they turned right into Queen's Road East, with the foks in pursuit and one of them still blowing the whistle.

Just at that time, two Police constables were passing by. Hearing the commotion, they saw the accused running. The latter turned into Tai Weng Road West on the way back to Johnston Road. The constables took up the chase.

On Tai Weng Road West, Mr. Hooton went on, the gunman turned and fired a shot in the direction of his pursuers. The constables returned his fire, but no one was hit at that stage.

On hearing the junction at Johnston Road, the accused, it was alleged, turned round again and fired. This time the shot hit PC Ho Shuen on the left thigh.

"That was the particular shot that is relied upon in the indictment," the Solicitor-General declared.

He went on to say that the gunman then rushed across a stationary tram and took cover behind it. For the next few minutes, there was a game of hide-and-seek involving a row of stationary trams, and finally the accused dashed to the Northern side of Johnston Road. Though shot in the thigh, PC Ho Shuen was still able to keep up the chase, and he and the other constable followed the accused into Thompson Road.

Somewhere near the corner of that road and Johnston Road, the Solicitor-General continued, he fired again at his pursuers, but instead hit a British soldier who was standing near a shop in the leg.

Mr. Hooton told the jury that it was not suggested that the gunman intentionally fired at that particular man. However, this part of the evidence was important, insofar as it would help establish the identity of the gunman.

Turning back to the facts, he said the accused then ran into Luard Road, then into Hennessy Road and took cover among some cars parked in the centre of the road. Another exchange of fire took place. The accused stopped a taxi, and forced the driver to drive him away from the scene in an easterly direction.

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The constables, who by this time had been joined by some detectives, also stopped a taxi and took up the chase once more, but the gunman got away.

About six weeks later, the Police arrested the accused in a cafe and took him into custody.

A five-chamber revolver was found in his girdle, as well as some ammunition.

Mr. Hooton said a ballistic expert would testify that an examination of the bullet found in the leg of the soldier revealed that it had been fired from the revolver found on the accused's person.

The accused was identified by the watch shop foks who had had a good look at him, and he was subsequently charged.

Hearing is proceeding.

HK Given A New Title

Manila, July 22. Italian journalist, Stelio Tomel, who is here on a brief visit, yesterday said that Hongkong was an observatory from which world events could be best gauged.

"It is in this port that the forces of Democracy and Communism meet not to mention the different races of the world rub shoulders," he said.

Tomel, an official correspondent for Gazzetta del Popolo, added that his tour of the majority of the Far Eastern countries gave him a good picture of the phenomenal resurgence of Asian nationalism.

The Italian journalist declared that the "Old World" and the United States will have to open up to the realization that she controls the destiny of international events." — France Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programming Summary: 6.00, Echoes of the Theatre; 6.30, BBC Bandstand; 7.00, Central Band of the Royal Air Force; 7.15, Music; 7.30, Wing Concert; 7.45, Music; 8.00, O.B.S. (Dance); 8.15, Lucky Dip; 8.30, Variety Requests; 8.45, Western Report; 9.00, Time Signal; 9.15, World News and News Talk (London Relay); 9.30, An American Look at Europe; 9.45, Talk by Joseph H. H. (Theater London Relay); 10.00, The Royal River Pageant; 10.15, The Queen takes the Salute from the Festival Hall Pier, London; 10.30, The Swedish Match; 10.45, The Swedish Match; 10.55, The Swedish Match; 11.00, The Swedish Match; 11.15, The Swedish Match; 11.30, The Swedish Match; 11.45, The Swedish Match; 12.00, The Swedish Match; 12.15, The Swedish Match; 12.30, The Swedish Match; 12.45, The Swedish Match; 1.00, The Swedish Match; 1.15, The Swedish Match; 1.30, The Swedish Match; 1.45, The Swedish Match; 2.00, The Swedish Match; 2.15, The Swedish Match; 2.30, The Swedish Match; 2.45, The Swedish Match; 3.00, The Swedish Match; 3.15, The Swedish Match; 3.30, The Swedish Match; 3.45, The Swedish Match; 4.00, The Swedish Match; 4.15, The Swedish Match; 4.30, The Swedish Match; 4.45, The Swedish Match; 5.00, The Swedish Match; 5.15, The Swedish Match; 5.30, The Swedish Match; 5.45, The Swedish Match; 6.00, The Swedish Match; 6.15, The Swedish Match; 6.30, The Swedish Match; 6.45, The Swedish Match; 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